

Dec. 27.
**HEARING ON
HOSPITAL SHIP**

The Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries to whom Congressman Gardner's resolution has been referred, providing for a government hospital ship to cruise the banks will give a hearing upon the measure, Monday, January 13.

Congressman Gardner, who is greatly interested in the proposed measure and is exercising every influence to secure the adoption of his resolution, has notified the Board of Trade and other organizations interested in the measure, as to the date of hearing.

Several months ago, the matter was taken up with Congressman Gardner, who alive to interests of Gloucester as he always has been, immediately drew up a set of resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Secretary Freeman of the Board of Trade is sending out letters today to Provincetown, Portland, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, American Association Master Mates and Pilots, notifying them of the hearing and requesting that they send a delegation to Washington to further the cause in mind.

The Master Mariners' Association which has been active in the matter and the Board of Trade, will send one or more representatives to the hearing.

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Has a Big Heart.

We believe Capt. S. Shaw of Bay St. George was the first to raise the price of herring here this fall. He first put them up to \$1.75 per barrel from the net, and on Friday and Saturday he paid \$2 per barrel for them. Other buyers offered \$1.85. Capt. Shaw while not being considered a "big man" possesses a big heart. He is a fisherman who has gone "through the mill" and knows what it is worth to catch herring in Bay of Islands, with gear at its present price.—Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star.

Portland Fish Notes.

No fish arrivals of importance were reported at Portland Tuesday, though some of the small boats brought in a few fish. The majority of the local fleet came in the day before, so that the men could have a chance to return to their homes for Christmas.

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MEETING TODAY.

Anti-Beam Trawl Committees, to Gather at Boston.

A meeting of the anti-beam trawling committees of this port, Boston and Provincetown will be held at Boston this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when plans pertaining to the campaign which is being waged against the beam trawler and other details will be discussed.

The local representatives who will attend are Capt. Henry M. Atwood, president of the Gloucester committee, Richard W. Freeman, secretary and Capt. Carl C. Young.

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Provincetown Fish Notes.

The new vessel recently built by Story of Essex has been purchased by Captain Joseph Enos, late of sch. W. A. Morse, and Captain Joseph Cabral. Captain Enos will command the new vessel in the fresh fishing business the coming season. She is to be named the Delphine Cabral.

The shore boats have had hard luck thus far and only small catches have rewarded most of them. Several of the trawl dories lost large quantities of gear last Saturday and claimed the flounder dredgers were responsible.

The cold storage companies are shipping fish regularly and the supply of food fish is said to be about all sold. There is plenty of squid for bait, however.

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**SECOND DAY OF
NO ARRIVALS**

**Off-Shores Coming Along
Slowly Probably Against
Bad Weather.**

Another 24 hours and not an off-shore of any description is reported here. The heavy northwester outside has tied up the shore crafts in port, while a few of the larger steamers of the gill netting fleet were forced to put back here again, on account of rough weather.

Yesterday was a poor day for the gill netters, the day's catch totalling about 50,000 pounds, which were shipped fresh to Boston. The largest fare landed during the day was but 3500 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Philomena, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Venture, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$3.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
Pollock, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.50.
Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.
Fletched halibut, 10c per lb.
Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.
Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
Hake, \$1.15.
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.
Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.
Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.
Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl for salt.
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

French Fisherman Lost.

A sailing vessel was driven ashore yesterday on the Island of Brehat, off the Brittany coast, and a torpedo boat has been sent from Brest to bring off the survivors of the crew. Many fishing vessels have been lost with their crews along the north and north-western coasts of France.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of new mackerel received at Boston to date are 23,243 barrels against 27,083 barrels for the same period of 1911.

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**NOT A TRIP AT
T WHARF TODAY**

**Two Crafts Which Came
Yesterday Afternoon Have
the Only Supply.**

Not an arrival of any description put in at T wharf, Boston, during the night and it was pretty quiet along the dock as it always is on the closing of the week.

Yesterday afternoon, two fares arrived at the dock, sch. Clintonia having 50,000 pounds haddock, 2200 weight of cod and 3000 hake and sch. Eva Mildred, 3000 hake, 3000 haddock and 300 cod.

Haddock sold at \$5.50 a hundred pounds large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.25; hake, \$4 to \$6 and pollock \$2.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 3000 haddock, 300 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Clintonia, 50,000 haddock, 2200 cod, 3000 hake.

Haddock, \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.25; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$2.50.

Portland Fish Notes.

Practically all the members of the local fishing fleet were hustling Thursday to get out of the harbor before there is another bad spell of weather. Some of the vessels got away and others were baiting up and will leave early this morning. Fishing is better off the course now than it has been for some weeks and the captains are anxious to land a few big hauls while the prices are as high as they are.

With the small and large boats together, about 75,000 pounds of fish were received Thursday. The principal fares were the George H. Lube, 14,000, Motor, 15,000; Hockomock, 17,000; Fannie Hayden, 10,000. The price was high, for \$5 a hundred was being paid for market fish.

Pollock are reported as schooling in large quantities to the westward and good hauls are being made. It is late in the season, but they are needed for the catch has been light this year.

In consequence of the practical failure this season of the foreign sardine catch those packers at Eastport and Lubec, who, in spite of the unusually unfavorable conditions prevailing during the summer, made their usual pack are likely to get a good return on their investment. The sardine catch along the French coast has been growing smaller every year for the past 10 years and this season was a total failure, while the catch on the Spanish and Portuguese coasts was but little better. As a result to a great extent lovers of sardines will have to content themselves with the little Maine herring put up as sardines, which by many are liked fully as well as the imported article, and can be purchased much cheaper.

A Talk on Airing.

Prof. Robertson, in his address at the recent meeting of the Commission of Conservation, suggested that supplies of lightly salted fish should be prepared for consumption in western Canada. He said, in part: "I do not mean the pickle of thoroughly salted and double-cured herring or mackerel, or even the cod which is dried afterwards, but a mild cure such as you get in the haddock before it is smoked. We used to get these haddock from St. Andrews, N. B. It is a question of increasing the consumption of fish by three or four times and of affording the people a more palatable food. You might in this way be able to transport fish away beyond Winnipeg in a better state of preservation than you could by cold storage."

The Sardine Season.

The sardine canning season in Maine closed on November 30, with a total pack considerably smaller than that of 1911. On the whole, the season of 1912 was rather unsatisfactory to the packers. The market was overstocked with the surplus of the great pack of 1911 all through the first part of the year, and some factories did not open at all, while others opened late in the summer and closed weeks before the end of the season. The supply of sardine herrings was very irregular, the fish being scarce and high in the early part of the season, while later there was almost a glut at times, and prices were low. With a fair market this winter, it is thought that there will be no considerable surplus of sardines on hand in the spring of 1913.

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**WATCH CAUGHT
IN LOBSTER POT**

**And It Did Not Belong to
the Owner of the Pot
Either.**

Damaging evidence against a lobster thief down the bay was discovered this week, according to the Portland Press.

The thief lost his watch and the timepiece was found just where he had been operating. But he didn't recover it himself though it was later returned to him. For a real strange story this is about as good a one as has come up the bay in years.

This particular man—and he has been particular too—has made a practice of visiting lobster pots that were not his own, taking out the crustaceans and selling them. On one of his trips, he lost his watch. But he reported the timepiece was lost on the beach.

Several days afterwards, the rightful owner of a certain lobster pot pulled the trap and hanging to the door was a watch and chain. It was not running—that would be too much to expect in this story, but it was in pretty good order just the same. There were means of identifying it too, so it was returned to the owner.

It seems that when the thief stooped over to take the lobsters from the trap, his watch and chain slipped from his pocket and caught on the frame of the pot door. Then the trap was dropped back before the owner of the watch knew what had become of his time-piece. It was then found by the proper owner of the trap.

The strange part of the sequel is that the thief has not been prosecuted, but with this damaging evidence against him it is unlikely that he will continue his illicit traffic.

**LOBSTERS TO
BE HIGH AGAIN**

Lobsters are bound to be high around here if there is any more bad weather says the Portland Press.

The price is going up. It has already taken a sudden rise in the lower bay for there the fishermen have been receiving 21 cents a pound for the crustaceans from the smack captains. This is an unusually big figure for this time of year. It is unusually high because the Nova Scotia lobsters are generally being rushed to this country in large quantities and their advent serves to keep the price of the local product down to an ordinary level.

But there have been heavy storms on the Nova Scotia coast. The lobstermen have been unable to get out and haul their traps. Many of them have lost their gear and this has helped to lessen the supply. As a result, more Maine lobsters are needed and they are not to be found, for the gales have affected this part of the shore as well as Nova Scotia.

Several smacks were in the lower bay the other day, as the story goes. One fisherman had some lobsters and he was offered 20 cents a pound for his catch. The other captain at once came back and offered 21 cents a pound and secured the fare.

Bad weather and scarcity of lobsters have served to drive many of the men in the lower bay out of the business. Some have already hauled up their traps for the winter and others are thinking of doing so. The haul for 35 or more traps by the fishermen has been so small that they have decided the return is hardly worth the work put in.

High Tide Floods T Wharf.

Owing in part to the northeast storm, there was an unusually high tide yesterday afternoon. The water submerged sections of T and Long wharves. Steamers berthed along Atlantic avenue floated practically on a level with the sidewalk. A large pool formed on Long wharf, the tide backing up through a sewer, and low sections of T wharf were under nearly a foot of water. Cellars were flooded, but it was not expected extensive damage would result.

The tide proved fatal for rats, particularly at T wharf. As the water crept higher, the rodents were compelled to leave their holes, only to meet their ends on the prongs of pitch forks wielded by fishermen. Cats had a feast.

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THE ANTI-BEAM TRAWL MEN MET

A meeting of representatives of the anti-beam trawling committees from this port, Boston and Provincetown was held at Boston yesterday afternoon. Those attending were Capt. Albert Watson, Capt. H. Dexter Malone and Fred Robinson from Boston, Capt. Phillip P. Manter from Provincetown and Capt. Henry N. Atwood, chairman, Richard W. Freeman, secretary, and Capt. Carl C. Young of the local committee.

The progress which the committee has made to date was reviewed with much satisfaction and plans for continuing the work were discussed and the various details arranged.

Encouraging reports were received from the representatives present, showing that the various interests are united in their support of the movement begun to eradicate the beam trawler.

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Sighted Wreckage.

The schooner Moonlight, New York to Calais with coal, arrived at Portland yesterday having sustained some damage to her sails during the storm. The captain reported that off Boon Island he sighted the house of a schooner, low down in the water, but had no way to identify it.

The Week's Receipts at T Wharf.

Receipts of fresh fish at Boston for the week ending December 27 were 1,166,600 pounds from 50 arrivals against 1,391,300 pounds from 70 arrivals for the corresponding period last year.

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FRESH HALIBUT 51 CTS. POUND

**The Highest Price on Record
Was Reached at T Wharf
This Morning.**

The highest price ever brought for a single lot of halibut was paid at T wharf this morning, when 34 pounds from sch. W.M. Goodspeed sold for 51 cents a pound right through.

While halibut was scarce, the dealers also had no great abundance of groundfish to buy from, just nine fares being on hand for the opening trade of the week.

The largest trip was that of sch. Ethel B. Penny from the Cape Shore with 51,000 pounds. Other arrivals were schs. Mary Emerson, 20,000 pounds; W. M. Goodspeed, 6000 pounds; Margaret Dillon, 4200 pounds; Elizabeth W. Numan, 12,500 pounds; Sadie M. Numan, 10,600 pounds; James and Esther, 8500 pounds; William H. Reed, 5000 pounds; Wodan, 1200 pounds.

Haddock sold from \$2.50 a hundred for old fish to \$7.50 for shore fish, large cod, \$6.30 to \$7.50; market cod, \$2.80 to \$5; hake, \$2 to \$7.50; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$2.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 5500 haddock, 500 cod, 3400 halibut.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 4000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Numan, 5000 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Numan, 3500 haddock, 2700 cod, 4400 hake.

Sch. James and Esther, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. William H. Reed, 5000 cod.

Sch. Wodan, 1200 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 10,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$7.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6.30 to \$7.50; market cod, \$2.80 to \$5; hake, \$2 to \$7.50; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$2.50; halibut, 51 cents for white and gray.

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DRIVEN OFF BY HEAVY GALES

**Sch. Athlete Had Long and
Hard Passage to the
Home Port.**

Buffeted by head winds and driven off her course to St. Peter's Bank, sch. Athlete, Capt. Charles Daley, arrived here yesterday from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full load of salt and pickled herring.

The Athlete was 15 days on her passage home and encountered rough weather all the way. Notwithstanding the severity of weather, she came through it without damage.

The only other off shore arrival here this morning is sch. Eglantine from a deck handlining trip to the eastward with 7000 pounds of salt cod.

The heavy blow of Saturday kept the fleet of gill netters in port. Yesterday quite a bunch of the boats were out, but no real large fares were landed. The day's receipts were for the most part pollock, with a few haddock and cod. Practically the entire receipts of the day were boxed and shipped fresh to Boston for today's market.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Eglantine, eastern deck handlining, 7000 lbs. salt cod.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Scout, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Little Fannie, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Athlete, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1340 bbls. salt herring, 125 bbls. pickled herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Manomet, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Quannapowitt, halibuting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$2.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.

Fledged halibut, 10c per lb.

Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.

Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.

Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for salt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

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JOLLY SKIPPER OF QUODDY BAY

**Capt. Simon Brown Has Been
a Trawl Fisherman for
75 Years.**

Capt. Simon Brown, a unique Canadian sea captain, makes his home at Wilson Beach, Campobello Island, N. B., four miles across Passamaquoddy Bay from Eastport, Me., and is a frequent visitor at Eastport. Capt. Brown was born at the above Dominion settlement 85 years ago and has enjoyed excellent health. During all his years of strenuous toiling and exposure in the small fishing crafts about Passamaquoddy Bay and the Bay of Fundy, he has followed up line and trawl fishing for more than three-quarters of a century in all kinds of rough and stormy weather, and is yet engaged in this kind of hard work.

Capt. Brown began his life on the salt water at the age of 9 years, and 10 years later he was making deep sea trips to all parts of the coast. He has never used tobacco in any form; never had a pipe in his mouth, and says that abstaining from tobacco has no doubt prolonged his years and kept him in the best of health.

Capt. Brown claims that he has solved the secret of keeping young and healthy, and the elixir of life is ordinary sea water. He has bathed in this salt water since his earliest years, has been overboard on many occasions, even during the coldest days of the winter, when he was obliged to swim for his life.

Capt. Brown is 5 feet, 2 inches in height, weighs 142 pounds, and has rarely weighed over 150 pounds. He considers the smaller sized men better able to withstand the hardships and live longer than those who are of larger frame and fleshy. He has good eyesight, in fact, says he has never worn a pair of glasses; is robust, strong and active, and would easily be taken for a man of middle age.

The jolly skipper of Quoddy Bay has three sons, five daughters and a large number of grandchildren. He has at his home on the above Canadian island two handsome china vases which he picked up adrift in the St. Lawrence River, following the wreck of a large steamer 59 years ago, when he was making a sea voyage.

Had Heavy Weather.

Sch. Olga, Capt. Robert Diggins, arrived at Halifax Friday for repairs. She has on board 325,000 pounds of salt cod and 50 barrels of herring. The Olga left Bonne Bay, N. F., for Gloucester via Sydney. On her way from Sydney she met with extraordinary bad weather, the consequence being that her foreboom was broken and her canvas damaged. A new boom will be installed, and then she will leave for this port.

Tried Her New Engines.

Sch. Quannapowitt was out yesterday on a trial trip to test her new and powerful engines, for which the motive force is oil.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Pontiac was reported arriving at Halifax Thursday last, and cleared.

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NEWFOUNDLAND NEWS.

Herring are reported unusually plentiful at North and Middle Arms. There was also a good sign of these fish at Bonne Bay.

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NEWS FOR THE LAKE FISHERS

The Dunkirk, N. Y., fish boats says the Fishing Gazette, brought in more than 10 tons of herring Tuesday. The catches have been unusually good for a few days and a continuance is expected till the cold weather ends the season. The tug John Desmond had the largest haul, 400 pounds; the Dunkirk had 4500; the Viola, 5500; Uncle, 2000, and the Arrow, 2000. The Alfred S., fishing for C. J. Alexander, had 3500.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 18.—All fishermen are pulling in their nets owing to the cold season being on. The banner catch of Menominee this fall was made by the Consolidated Fish Company, Frank Spencer, captain, being a lift of nearly one ton.

Burt Holt purchased a second hand fish tug this week from Captain Wood, of Cleveland.

The launch Windsor burned down to the water edge and sunk, a week ago Sunday. She was owned by Fred Dunford and was used as a fish boat.

The Consolidated Fisheries increased their capital to \$10,000. They expect to put two more tugs on the coming season, one being a 65-foot steam tug.

Capt. Jim Smith went to Gloucester for the haddock fishing. He reports great catches so far.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 17.—The last blow from the West put all pound netters on the east shore out of commission. The ice which forked tipped over the twine and in many cases took stake and all towards the beach. Fishermen will save the twine, but many stakes are rendered worthless on account of the action of the ice. Salt fish are moving slow. Local dealers offering \$2.35 delivered for herring, but most of the fishermen still holding for higher prices. The Dormer Fish Company laid off a big share of their crew on account of the dullness of trade. The catch this year, coupled with the fact that a big block of last year's catch is being held over, all tends toward a low price, and no advance is expected unless conditions change suddenly for the better. Fresh fish are scarce, about the only thing being offered being mullett and suckers. The Menekaunee fleet has left for Ford River, Mich., to engage in trout and whitefish netting, the Michigan season having opened on the 15th. Only the large steam tug undertook the journey, as the ice is reported to be drifting in that locality. What few frozen herring were taken in have been disposed of, and local dealers have little or nothing to offer in that line at present.

Huron, Ohio Dec. 14.—Fishing is over at this end of the lake, all the nets are out of the lake and placed in the house and the twine menders have started to mend the twine for the spring fishing. The herring catch at this end of the lake was a failure this fall and some of the boats did not catch fish enough to pay their fuel bills. This is the first time this condition has existed for a number of years, other catches of fish from trap and pound nets was way below normal, and, summing the situation up as a whole, it was the poorest fall for all classes of fishermen that we have had for a number of years.

Bottom of Sea Shown.

A new exhibit showing a part of the bottom of the sea where the conditions of life are favorable to the existence of curious forms has just been installed in the Darwin Hall of the American Museum of Natural History. The locality shown is the Greater Harbor of Woods Hole, Mass., and in the upper part of the group may be seen the wharves of the United States Fish Commission in a colored glass transparency six feet in length. In the middle distance, on a similar transparency, is the grass covered spur of Devil's Foot, a small island at the harbor entrance. Below the surface of the water is a patch of eel grass and animal life to which such conditions are favorable.

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Halibut at Portland.

Sch. John Hays Hammond is at Portland today with 12,000 pounds of halibut.